

Public Law 102-48
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Joint Resolution

Designating May 22, 1991, as "National Desert Storm Reservists Day".

May 21, 1991

[S.J. Res. 134]

- Whereas Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm was the first Presidential call-up of members of the reserve components of the United States Armed Forces in over two decades;
- Whereas the Secretary of Defense authorized the call to active duty of 360,000 members of the Ready Reserve;
- Whereas in excess of 223,000 of the members of the Ready Reserve were actually ordered to active duty and 106,000 served in the Kuwait Theater of Operations of Desert Shield/Desert Storm;
- Whereas tens of thousands of additional members of the Ready Reserve have volunteered or have been called to active duty to serve at bases in the United States and other parts of the world;
- Whereas on January 16, 1991, the date Operation Desert Storm commenced, over 188,000 personnel and 375,000 short tons of equipment had been airlifted by the Air Force Reserve to Saudi Arabia;
- Whereas members of the Army Reserve promptly addressed urgent water-purification, supply distribution, and other support needs;
- Whereas members of the Navy Reserve supported air operations with C-9 aircraft and performed important medical, logistics support, intelligence and cargo handling missions;
- Whereas members of the Coast Guard Reserve provided port security and supervised and controlled the loading of explosives and other hazardous materials;
- Whereas members of the Air National Guard in conjunction with the Air Force Reserve flew 42 percent of the strategic airlift missions and 33 percent of the aerial refueling missions;
- Whereas members of the Army National Guard made important contributions by providing military police and movement control assistance;
- Whereas on January 13, 1991, a total of 146,106 Selected Reservists had been called to active duty;
- Whereas on February 28, 1991, the date combat operations in Operation Desert Storm ceased, a total of 222,614 members of the Ready Reserve had been called to active duty, including 202,337 Selected Reservists and 20,277 members of the Individual Ready Reserve; and
- Whereas members of the reserve components of the United States Armed Forces performed in an exemplary fashion during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That May 22, 1991, the Wednesday of "Armed Forces Week", is designated as "National Desert Storm Reservists Day" to commemorate the accomplishments of the men and women of the reserve components of the United States Armed Forces who proudly served the United States during Operation Desert Storm, and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved May 21, 1991.

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